

## Introduction

Read all materials before initiating services to ensure a thorough understanding of Medicaid policy and billing procedures.

Wisconsin Medicaid is governed by the Wisconsin Administrative Code, Rules of Health and Family Services, Chapters HSS 101-108, and by state and federal law. Two parts of the Wisconsin Medicaid provider handbook interpret these regulations. The two parts of the handbook are designed for use with each other and with the Wis. Admin. Code.

*Part A*, the all-provider handbook, includes general policy guidelines, regulations, and billing information applicable to all types of certified providers. *Part P, Division II*, the service-specific part of the handbook, includes information on provider eligibility criteria, covered services, payment methodology, prior authorization, and billing instructions. The Wisconsin Medicaid Managed Care Guide's provider section includes information on policy guidelines and regulations for AFDC/Healthy Start recipients and the managed care program. Each provider is sent a copy of Part A, the all-provider handbook, the appropriate service-specific handbook, and the Wisconsin Medicaid Managed Care Guide's provider section at the time of certification.

Purchase additional copies of provider handbooks by completing the order form in Appendix 36 of Part A, the all-provider handbook.

When requesting a handbook, be sure to indicate the service provided (e.g., physician, chiropractic, dental). For a complete source of Medicaid regulations and policies, refer to HSS 101-108, Wis. Admin. Code. If there is any substantive conflict between HSS 101-108 and the handbook, the meaning of the Wis. Admin. Code holds. Providers may purchase HSS 101-108 from Document Sales at the address in Appendix 3 of Part A, the all-provider handbook.

There are other documents, including state and federal laws and regulations, relating to Wisconsin Medicaid:

- ♦ Sections 49.43 - 49.497, Wisconsin Statutes.
- ♦ Title XIX of the Social Security Act and its enabling regulations, Title 42 - Public Health, Parts 430-456.

A list of common terms and their abbreviations is in Appendix 30 of Part A, the all-provider handbook, and in HSS 101, Wis. Admin. Code.